



City of Grover Beach Notice of Exemption

TO:

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- Office of Planning and Research
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- Project File

FROM: City of Grover Beach, 154 S. 8th Street, Grover Beach, CA 93433

PROJECT TITLE: South Oak Park Blvd Lane Configuration / Bicycle Lane Striping

PROJECT ADDRESS: 100 Block of South Oak Park to the 600 Block of South Oak Park

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.: N/A

PROJECT LOCATION: City of Grover Beach

COUNTY OF: San Luis Obispo

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project is within the South Oak Park Boulevard right-of-way from the West Grand Avenue intersection to Mentone Avenue. The proposed projects include a reduction of existing travel lanes from four travel lanes to two travel lanes to allow space for new buffered bike lanes and on-street parking, which is consistent with the Level of Service (LOS) standard. Additional elements include pavement rehabilitation, removal of existing curb, gutter, sidewalk, and curb ramps, removal of existing asphaltic concrete pavement and subgrade, roadway preparation, hot mix asphalt over compacted cement, construction of concrete curb and gutter, concrete cross-gutter, concrete curb ramps, signage, and installation of pavement striping and markings, and other associated roadway, pedestrian, and bicycle facility improvements.

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: City of Grover Beach

EXEMPT STATUS: (check one)

- Ministerial Project (Section 2180(b)(1); 15268)
- Categorical Exemption (Section 15301)
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Statutory Exemption (Code / Section 1501)
- The project clearly will not have a significant effect on the environment (15061(b)(3))



REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: CEQA provides several “categorical exemptions” which are applicable to categories of projects and activities that the Lead Agency (the City of Grover Beach) has determined generally do not pose a risk of significant impacts on the environment. The proposed project includes reduction of travel lanes allowing for the stripping of a buffered bicycle lane, installation of pedestrian facilities, and other street improvements. The project is exempt under Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Class 1, Existing Facilities). The project meets the conditions for existing facilities exemption described in section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines as explained below.

The proposed project is an existing street segment (South Oak Park Boulevard), with existing sidewalks, gutters, etc. facilities and the proposed project includes the alteration of lane configurations to provide bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle lanes, improved pedestrian crossings and pathways, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes.

The City further considered whether the project is subject to any of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption found at CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2. This section prohibits the use of a categorical exemption under the following circumstances:

- a) *Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -- a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*

Finding. The proposed project is a class 1 exemption and is not located in an environmentally sensitive area.

- b) *Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.*

Finding. *The project will not have a cumulative impact over time, as the project proposes the installation of bicycle lane through lane reduction and creates a multi-modal network of streets within the City, ultimately assisting in providing alternative modes of transportation to lower Green House Gas emissions.*

- c) *Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.*

Finding. The project is not an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity, in this instance the installation of bicycle lanes, reduction of travel lanes and the upgrading of pedestrian facilities along an existing roadway segment.

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d) *Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.*

Finding. The project is not located within a designated scenic highway, or scenic resource.

e) *Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.*

Finding. The project is not located on a site pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

f) *Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.*

Finding. The project is not designated historical resource.

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Signed by Lead Agency

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Project Location

